

educating more than 7,800 students. While at Gonzaga students can choose from over 75 fields of study, select from 25 master's degree programs, and pursue doctoral degrees in Law and Leadership. In addition, Gonzaga student cheer on and participate in varsity soccer, baseball, golf, tennis, track, rowing, and of course perennial powerhouse men and women's basketball teams.

So today, it is my grant honor to recognize Gonzaga University for achieving this historic 125-year milestone and applaud the entire University community—students, staff, faculty, alumni, and supporters—for the contributions they have made to Eastern Washington throughout the years. The Zag Spirit is alive and well, 125 years and counting.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CANOE
RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COM-
MITTEE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee as the organization celebrates its twenty-fifth year of service.

The Canoe River Advisory Committee, otherwise known as CRAAC, is comprised of representatives from the Massachusetts towns of Foxborough, Sharon, Mansfield, Easton, and Norton. Its many duties include educating the public about the benefits of preserving the beautiful Canoe River Aquifer, a wetland region that flows for nearly sixteen miles through these five towns, as well as emphasizing the importance of protecting the delicate ecosystem that is found within the region. Since CRAAC was formally created by the Massachusetts State Legislature in October of 1987, nearly forty individuals have served on the committee, ranging from town selectmen to local residents who care deeply about their local environment. Currently, each town sends three appointed members to the Committee, and these individuals work diligently to ensure that the aquifer—which provides the five towns with approximately half of their water supplies—remains viable and well-cared for. As

this region has been declared an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and designated as a Sole Source Aquifer by the federal government, the work that this committee does to ensure its protection is essential.

Today, the work that CRAAC does to protect the Canoe River Aquifer ranges from advising municipal officials and residents on developmental impacts and conservation practices to sponsoring educational conferences and meetings. The committee is highly regarded by the people of Massachusetts, and it is seen as a statewide model for a volunteer-run regional environmental entity. I have witnessed CRAAC's success over the years, and I am confident that the committee will continue to serve as an example of what can be done at the local level to preserve the unique landscapes of Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great joy to recognize the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking its members for all that they have done for their local environment, and in congratulating the Committee for twenty-five successful years of service.

CELEBRATING TELELECT,
INCORPORATION'S 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Telect, Incorporation, one of the premier family-run, independent businesses in eastern Washington.

On September 13, 1982, Bill and Judi Williams, later joined by their son Wayne, set out to build an independent company that would transform the communications industry. Thirty years later, their focus remains the same: simplify telecommunication networks by providing innovative solutions.

Headquartered in Liberty Lake, Washington, Telect's history of service and innovation, along with a business model driven by entrepreneurialism and dynamic energy, posi-

tions them to be the lead provider for the global communications industry. At the heart of the company, Telect designs, manufactures, and integrates connectivity and power solutions for the communications industry by offering power distribution and protection panels and management systems.

However, their story goes beyond simply creating equipment for the telecommunication industry. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Telect President and CEO Wayne Williams, and Vice President and CFO Stan Hilbert are exchanging tradeshow and boardrooms for the open road on their motorcycles. Ride with Telect, a national business and motorcycle tour, will hit the road during the months of August and September. Traveling 11,000 miles, Ride with Telect will enable the business to travel to their customer's location and interact with them one-on-one. Williams, Hilbert, and other members of the Ride with Telect team will thank customers, showcase products, and develop new relationships in this face-to-face product roadshow celebration.

Through the last thirty years, the Williams family has effectively integrated their faith into developing a successful business. Demonstrating commitment to God, country, and their community by serving on various boards including the Washington Policy Center, Greater Spokane Incorporated, and the Public Facilities District Board, Bill and Judi have given their time to eastern Washington. In addition, Telect has been the recipient of numerous awards including being named the Washington Family Business of the Year in 1994, Gonzaga's University Ethics Award in 2001, and AGORA Business and Community Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. I applaud the Williams' family integrity and generous contributions to our community.

So today, I am encouraged by this family-run, independent business that instead of taking the road well traveled, decided to venture out and explore the open road. Congratulations to Telect, Incorporation for their many successes during their first thirty years and I eagerly anticipate their upcoming innovations for eastern Washington and the rest of the telecommunications industry in the next thirty years.